

Downstate Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

September 2, 2003

Milford State Service Center: Annex Building

In attendance: Nina Brown (DSP), Adrienne Owen (DSP), Cherelyn Homlish (People's Place), Phyllis Chamberlain (HPC), Katie Quinico (HPC), Matt Gladding (P&P) and Aimee Voshell String (DVCC).

- I. The meeting was called to order and introductions were made.
- II. Guest Speaker: Guest speaker Phyllis Chamberlain assisted by Katie Quinco from Central Intake
 - a. Centralized intake allows a person experiencing homelessness to call 211 and get access to all of Delaware's Shelter providers. Centralized intake also gets referrals from the state service centers as well as direct phone calls from person needing shelter.
 - b. Centralized Intake began in 2014 and is required by the federal government. The goal is to expedite placement into shelters when it is available. Centralized intake also allows us to keep better data around homelessness.
 - c. Once a person is referred to centralized intake a short assessment will done over the phone (generally that same day) to determine what resources are available to that particular individual. Individuals are screened for Domestic Violence during this assessment and are referred to the Domestic Violence Hotlines when DV is identified.
 - d. A second assessment is done at a later time which is designed to understand the individual vulnerability.
 - e. They receive over 100 calls each day and how many they can place depends on the number of beds available.
 - f. There is no wait list. A person needing shelter needs to call back daily until they can get a placement. This can be difficult for those that don't have access to a phone.
- III. Old Business
 - a. Spanish PFAs
 - i. The plan was to add a line to the bottom of PFA Orders which would be in Spanish directing individuals to a certain number if they are need of translation services. This is still in the works. We will keep this on the agenda for the time being so that we remember to get updates.
 - b. Legislative Update
 - i. HB 1 was discussed. This bill will require responsible employees of institutions of higher education to report incidents of sexual assault perpetrated by or against a student to the law enforcement authorities or public safety officials serving the institution of the alleged assault within 24 hours. The law enforcement authorities or public safety officials serving an academic institution are then required to report the sexual assault to the proper municipal or state authorities within 24 hours as well as the Delaware Department of Justice every 30 days.

1. There is a lot of concern over this bill because it takes away a victim's right to choose to report.
2. The DVTF/VRTF legislative subcommittee is following this bill closely.

c. DV Forums

- i. There will be three DV Forums this year with one in each county. All three counties will utilize Theatrical Fusion and a Panel discussion:
 1. NC: Will be held at a high school. The auditorium will accommodate 500 students. The committee is currently trying to narrow down exactly who from the high school will attend.
 2. Kent: The event will be held at Early College High School at Delaware State University. There will be 100 young men in attendance at the event.
 3. Sussex: The event will be held on October 17th at Georgetown Presbyterian Church. The event will be all in Spanish. Childcare will be provided.

d. LET Update

- i. The Annual Delaware Law Enforcement Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Conference will be held on Monday, November 9th from 8:30-4:30 PM at Polytech Adult Education Center in Woodside, DE.
- ii. The speakers will be Sgt. Dan Rincon and Jill Rable, RN. In the afternoon there will be two panel discussions.
- iii. The Committee has been unable to secure funding to cover food this year. As of now there will be no food provided.

IV. New Business

a. Relaunch of committee

- i. In an effort to increase membership and make the Committee meetings more substantial, the committee agreed to Re-launch the committee at our December meeting. Aimee will reach out to various agencies in Kent/Sussex County and ask them to send a representative to the December meeting. Snacks will be provided and Aimee will look into securing a guest speaker. A Judge or representative from the AG's office were given as possible options for a speaker.
- ii. Moving forward the Committee will be called the DVCC's Kent/Sussex Collaborative Working Group.

V. System Issues and Coordination

a. None

VI. Agency/Program Reports

a. Non

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3rd. Aimee will check into the possibility of moving the meeting to an earlier time.